by way of equity participation through the Venture Capital Scheme of the Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium. -

Purchasing of Khadi and Kulhad by Railways

†*188. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Khadi and *Kulhad* purchased by Railways, so far, after the announcement of the budget, 2004;

(b) whether Railways propose to serve meals in *thalisanti donas* made of 'Saal' leaves on the pattern of Khadi and *Kulhad;* and

(c) if so, by when and the steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) So far 416.42 lakh *Kulhads* over Indian Railways have been purchased for Rupees 2 Crores (approx.) after the announcement of Budget 2004. The quantum of 'Khadi'/ Handloom, in terms of its value of purchase by Railways from April 2004 upto Feb. 2006, is to the tune of approximately by Rs. 54 Crores.

(b) There is no proposal to serve meals in 'thalis and donas' made of 'Saal' leaves on Indian Railways.

(c) Does not arise.

Rejection of Indian Chyavanprash by Singapore

†*189. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Singapore has returned Indian Chyavanprash considering it as dangerous;

(b) whether it is also a fact that prior to this incident, America has also returned Indian Ayurvedic medicines with similar allegation;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard;

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